

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (CLMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	7763	Agenda Number	15.
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Meeting Date:	July 28, 2011
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Department:	Contract and Land Management
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with HDR ENGINEERING, INC., Austin, TX for design services for the Bowie Underpass in the amount of \$504,046 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,259,061.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	July 26, 2007 - Supplemental Amendment for the consultant was approved by Council. February 2, 2006 - Council approved recommendations for the bridge extension alignment and Bowie Underpass; June 23, 2005 - Supplemental Amendment for the consultant was approved by Council; September 25, 2003 - Council authorized negotiation with the consultant.
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 12.50% MBE and 13.90% WBE subconsultant participation to date.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This additional authorization is requested to complete the design for the second phase of the Pfluger Bridge Extension Project, which will include the Bowie Underpass, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Bridge span replacement, and North Lamar Pedestrian Crossing. This project will provide a safe passage and alternative transportation choice for bicyclists and pedestrians across the barrier formed by the UPRR.

This project will form the primary bicycle and pedestrian link between two recent residential and commercial development areas separated by Lady Bird Lake. The Bowie Underpass will connect users to the proposed Seaholm Lone Star Rail/Urban Rail transfer station. This project will also replace the northernmost span of the existing UPRR Lady Bird Lake Bridge, which is located over the newly constructed 2nd Street, with a new ballasted deck, as required by UPRR.

The design of the pedestrian underpass is approximately 30% complete. Negotiations with UPRR resulted in the addition of the bridge span replacement and a controlled surface crossing west of Lamar. In order to construct the underpass while maintaining rail service, the rail line will be slightly realigned within the existing right of way from the north end of the bridge over Lady Bird Lake to Lamar. This realignment requires the bridge span replacement and underpass to be constructed concurrently and all elements of the project to be designed together.

This project is managed by the Public Works Department.